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SUBJECT: AIDE MEMOIRE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA

HIS EXCELLENCY KARL HERBERT SCHOBER, AMBASSADOR OF
AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED STATES, TODAY DELIVERED, ON THE
INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, THE FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE
TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
AFFAIRS CHARLES WILLIAM MAYNES REGARDING THE CONCERN OF
THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S.
WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO.

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BEGIN TEXT:

THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY, UPON INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM
AUTHORITIES IN VIENNA, REFERS TO THE UNITED STATES NOTICE
OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR
ORGANIZATION.
ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE FINAL STEP OF WITHDRAWAL IS

STILL UNDER REVIEW WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,
THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO ADD ITS VOICE TO OTHERS
IN EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A MOVE.
SUCH WITHDRAWAL WOULD MODIFY THE RELATIVE WEIGHTS WITH-
IN ILO TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF DEMOCRATIC STATES.

IT MIGHT PUT IN JEOPARDY THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF
TRIPARTISM, A HALLMARK OF THE ORGANIZATION WHOSE
MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE A COMMON GOAL OF DEMOCRATICALLY
ORGANIZED SOCIETIES.

WITHOUT THE COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT AND UNITED STATES LABOR AND EMPLOYER
ORGANIZATIONS THE ORGANIZATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LOSE
MUCH OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS. ITS USEFULLNESS AS A FORUM
FOR THE PROPAGATION AND THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FREEDOMS WOULD BE PRONE TO SUFFER.

ILOS FUTURE COURSE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO BE INFLUENCED
FROM OUTSIDE THE ORGANIZATION.

WITHDRAWAL BY THE UNITED STATES WOULD END ILOS
UNIVERSAL CHARACTER THE PURSUIT OF WHICH HAS BEEN CON-
SISTENTLY ADVOCATED BY AUSTRIA FOR THE WHOLE RANGE OF
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

SUCH WITHDRAWAL MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE MISINTERPRETED AS
WEAKNESS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WESTERN DEMOCRATIC STATE
AND LEAD TO ADVERSE RIPPLE EFFECTS WITHIN THE ENTIRE
UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

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IT IS THESE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH PROMPT THE AUSTRIAN
GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER A MOVE WHICH, IN A MUCH
STRAINED WORLD SITUATION, WOULD NOT ADD AN ELEMENT OF
STABILITY. THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT STILL HOPES THAT
A COMPREHENSIVE REASSESSMENT OF THE ENTIRE SITUATION IN
ITS GLOBAL CONTEXT AND CONSEQUENCES WILL LEAD TO CONTINUED
UNITED STATES MEMBERSHIP. END TEXT

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